



SC Annual School
Report Card
Summary

Aiken Elementary School
AIKEN COUNTY
Grades: PK-5 Enrollment: 811
Principal: Rebecca M. Koelker
Superintendent: Dr. Elizabeth Everitt
Board Chair: Mrs. Rosemary B. English

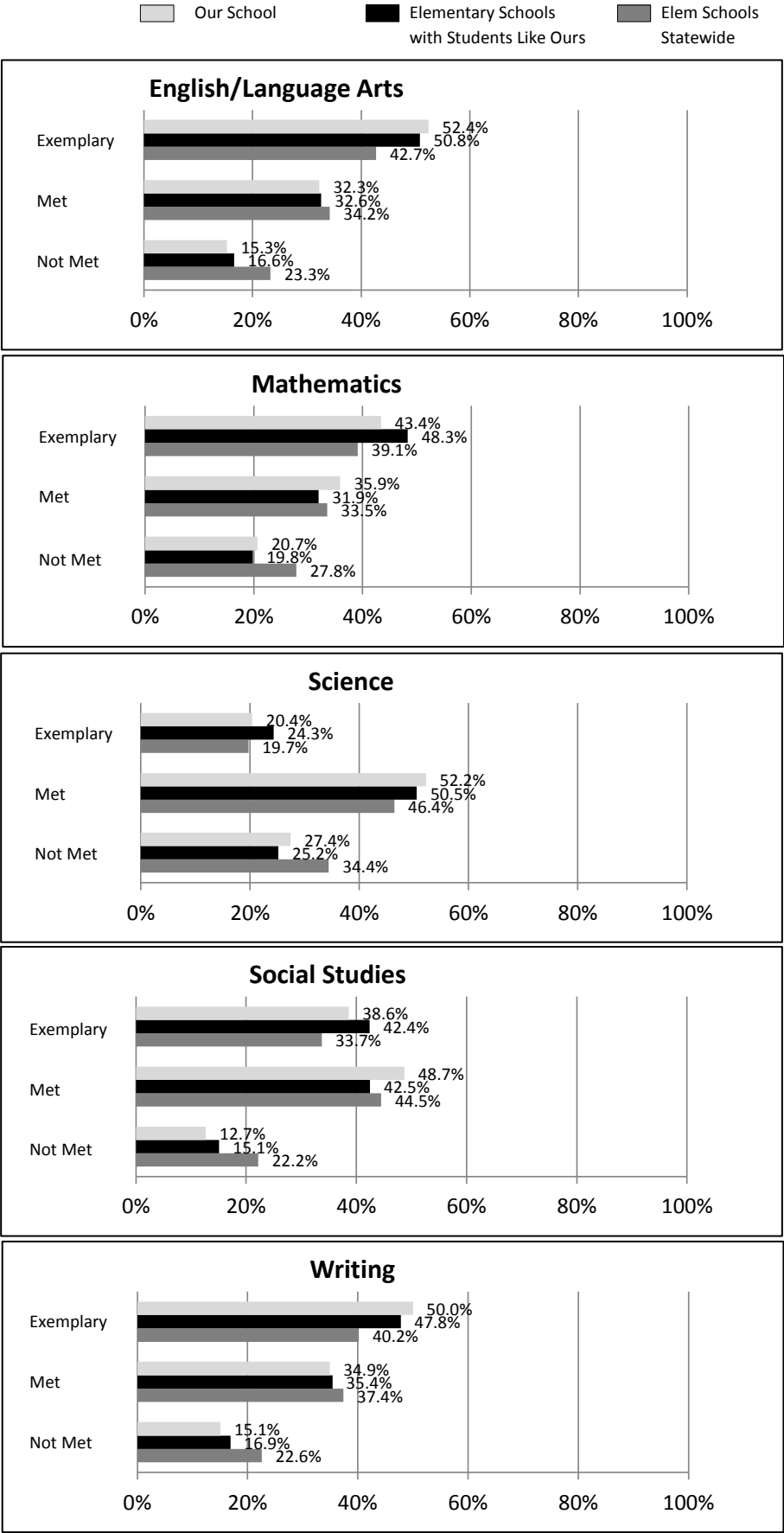
PERFORMANCE		Comprehensive detail, including definitions of ratings, performance criteria, and explanations of status, is available on www.ed.sc.gov and www.eoc.sc.gov as well as school and school district websites. Printed versions are available from school districts upon request.				
YEAR	ABSOLUTE RATING	GROWTH RATING	PALMETTO GOLD AND SILVER AWARD		ESEA/FEDERAL ACCOUNTABILITY RATING SYSTEM	
			General Performance	Closing the Gap	ESEA Grade	Accountability Indicator
2014	Excellent	Average	TBD	TBD	B	Focus
2013	Good	Below Average	N/A	N/A	C	Focus
2012	Excellent	Excellent	GOLD	SILVER	A	Focus

ABSOLUTE RATINGS OF ELEMENTARY SCHOOLS WITH STUDENTS LIKE OURS*

EXCELLENT	GOOD	AVERAGE	BELOW AVERAGE	AT-RISK
56	34	9	0	0

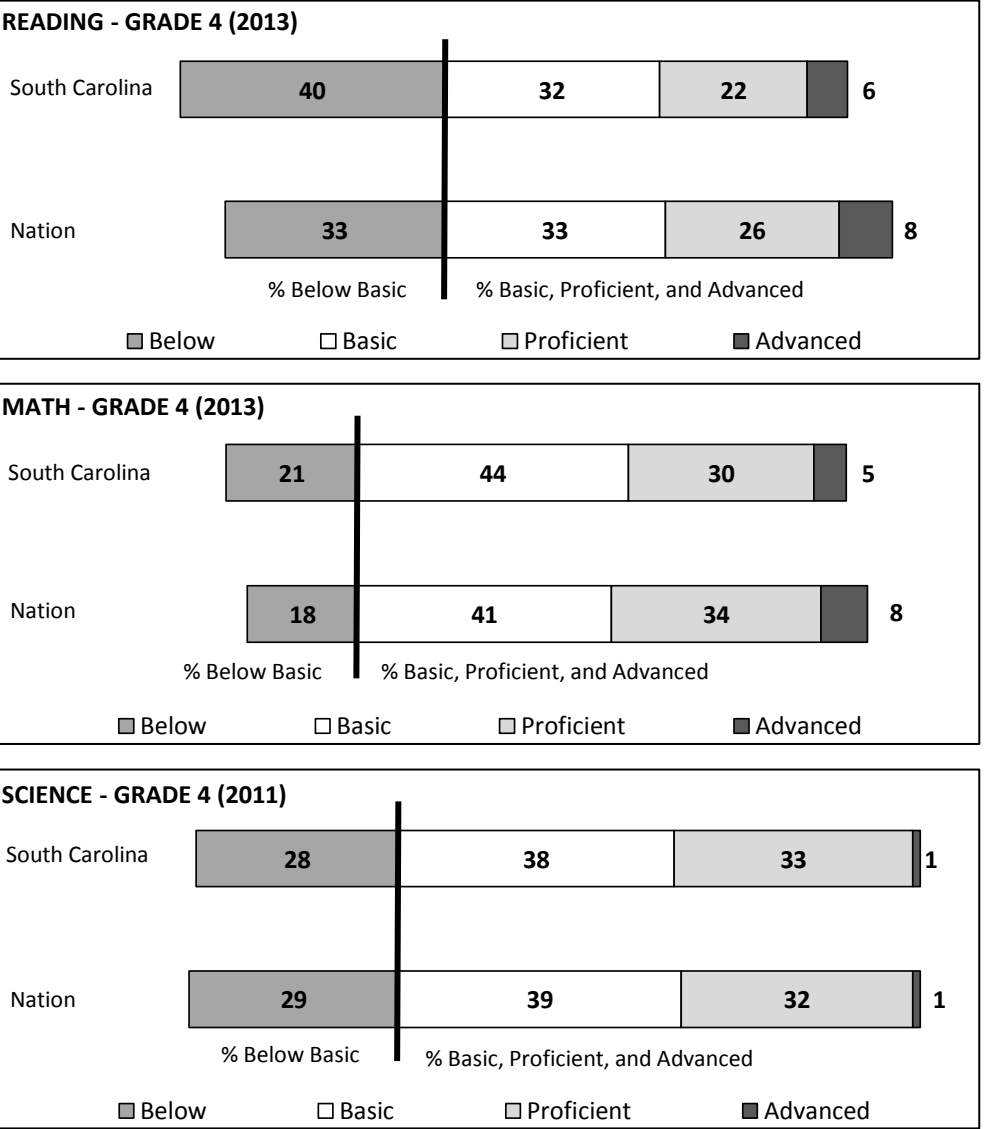
* Ratings are calculated with data available by 04/27/2015. Schools with Students Like Ours are Elementary Schools with Poverty Indices of no more than 5% above or below the index for this school.

SC PASS PERFORMANCE



NAEP*

*Performance reported for SC and nation, data not available at school level. Percentages at NAEP Achievement Levels.



SC PERFORMANCE VISION

By 2020 all students will graduate with the knowledge and skills necessary to compete successfully in the global economy, participate in a democratic society and contribute positively as members of families and communities.

Abbreviations Key

N/A-Not Applicable N/AV-Not Available N/C-Not Collected N/R-Not Reported I/S-Insufficient Sample TBD-To Be Determined

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SCHOOL PROFILE

	Our School	Change from Last Year	Elementary Schools with Students Like Ours	Median Elementary Schools
Students (n = 811)				
Retention rate	2.5%	Up from 2.4%	0.8%	1.0%
Attendance rate	96.7%	Down from 96.8%	96.6%	96.5%
Served by gifted and talented program	11.1%	Down from 11.9%	9.6%	7.3%
With disabilities	8.2%	Down from 8.6%	11.5%	12.5%
Older than usual for grade	2.3%	Down from 2.7%	1.4%	1.8%
Out-of-school suspensions or expulsions for violent and/or criminal offenses	0.0%	Down from 0.1%	0.0%	0.0%
Teachers (n = 48)				
Teachers with advanced degrees	60.4%	Down from 63.3%	64.4%	62.3%
Continuing contract teachers	85.4%	Down from 91.8%	85.0%	81.2%
Teachers returning from previous year	87.6%	Down from 91.1%	90.4%	88.4%
Teacher attendance rate	98.7%	Up from 94.7%	95.3%	95.3%
Average teacher salary*	\$48,373	Down 1.8%	\$50,092	\$47,902
Classes not taught by highly qualified teachers	0.0%	No change	0.0%	0.0%
Professional development days/teacher	9.5 days	Down from 12.2 days	12.0 days	10.9 days
School				
Principal's years at school	3.0	Up from 2.0	5.0	4.0
Student-teacher ratio in core subjects	21.5 to 1	Down from 23.2 to 1	20.2 to 1	19.9 to 1
Prime instructional time	95.4%	Up from 90.6%	91.2%	90.7%
Opportunities in the arts	Good	No change	Good	Good
SACS accreditation	Yes	No change	Yes	Yes
Parents attending conferences	100.0%	No change	100.0%	100.0%
Character development program	Excellent	No change	Excellent	Excellent
Dollars spent per pupil**	\$5,765	Down 10.3%	\$7,437	\$7,680
Percent of expenditures for instruction**	70.1%	Down from 72.0%	67.7%	66.8%
Percent of expenditures for teacher salaries**	68.7%	Up from 68.0%	66.8%	66.0%
ESEA composite index score	88.5	Up from 73.6	92.0	85.7

* Length of contract = 185+ days.
**Prior year audited financial data available.

EVALUATION RESULTS

	Teachers	Students*	Parents*
Number of surveys returned	52	106	44
Percent satisfied with learning environment	80.8%	86.7%	91.0%
Percent satisfied with social and physical environment	88.4%	87.2%	91.1%
Percent satisfied with school-home relations	98.0%	87.2%	84.5%

*Only students at the highest elementary school grade level at this school and their parents were included.

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REPORT OF PRINCIPAL AND SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT COUNCIL

Aiken Elementary is a student-centered, high-achieving, award winning school serving over 800 students from pre-school to fifth grade; and including a pre-school special education classroom and an autism academy. Our school has an outstanding staff dedicated to helping all students grow and succeed. We have enjoyed continued support from our parents and the community. Our PTA Board and School Improvement Council are instrumental in our planning and improvement process. Our awards are numerous: National Blue Ribbon School of Excellence, Palmettos’ Finest, South Carolina Dept. of Education Red Carpet School, and the many Palmetto Gold and Silver Awards (nine in all), including a Gold and Silver Award for the 2012-2013 school year. Sustained high student achievement, based upon providing a rigorous standards-based curriculum, is a trademark of our school. The teachers and staff at Aiken Elementary work collaboratively to ensure consistency of learning across and within grade levels and content areas. We believe service learning and service to our community are important aspects of our offerings to students. These are vehicles for our students to learn good citizenship and compassion for others. In addition, we have a school-wide bully prevention program that includes students, faculty and staff, parents and community members. Our bully prevention program educates all stakeholders by providing a common understanding of what bullying is and all of the types of bullying behavior, how to prevent it, and how to respond when it occurs. We have weekly classroom discussions about bullying and other issues or concerns that our students may wish to address. We include all school personnel and parents in our efforts to make Aiken Elementary a safe and joyous place to work and play. Innovative learning experiences are a part of every day. Increasing the amount and effectiveness of technology for our students and staff is a focus for us. Aiken Elementary is a wireless building with multiple computer labs, iPads, iPods, and interactive white boards in every classroom. The technology plan has several long term goals and we are well on our way to providing cutting edge technology to every students and staff member every day. Aiken Elementary is a school of excellence. Aiken Elementary is a community school. Aiken Elementary is a school to be proud of. We are the Explorers and we seek knowledge and understanding. We are life- long learners and we enjoy every day spent at Aiken Elementary exploring and learning together.

Rebecca M. Koelker, Principal

Paula Simmons, SIC Chairperson